# Perception of Spoken English (POSE) Test

## Japanese: Low Beginner

**Consonants (n = 40)**

| Phonemic Contrast | Example | % Correct | Functional Load | # of Items |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| /p/ - /b/ (INIT.) | pill / bill | 98% | 98% | 4 |
| /p/ - /b/ (FIN.) | cap / cab | 86% | 14% | 4 |
| /p/ - /f/ (INIT.) | pan / fan | 98% | 77% | 4 |
| /p/ - /f/ (FIN.) | cup / cuff | 89% | 17% | 4 |
| /v/ - /b/ (INIT.) | vote / boat | 73% | 29% | 4 |
| /v/ - /w/ (INIT.) | vet / wet | 90% | 22% | 4 |
| /f/ - /v/ (INIT.) | fan / van | 98% | 23% | 4 |
| /f/ - /θ/ (INIT.) | free / three | 93% | 15% | 4 |
| /θ/ - /t/ (INIT.) | thin / tin | 89% | 18% | 4 |
| /θ/ - /t/ (FIN.) | bath / bat | 98% | 27% | 4 |
| /θ/ - /s/ (INIT.) | think / sink | 84% | 21% | 2 |
| /θ/ - /s/ (FIN.) | faith / face | 74% | 17% | 2 |
| /ð/ - /d/ (INIT.) | they / day | 78% | 19% | 2 |
| /t/ - /d/ (FIN.) | cart / card | 88% | 72% | 4 |
| /n/ - /l/ (INIT.) | nap / lap | 96% | 61% | 4 |
| /n/ - /l/ (FIN.) | bone / bowl | 99% | 75% | 4 |

Phonemic contrasts include both syllable-initial ("INIT.") and syllable-final ("FIN.") sounds. Syllable-medial sounds were not incorporated because no functional load information was available.
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| /l/ - /r/ (INIT.) | lice / rice | 55% | 83% | 4 |
| /s/ - /z/ (FIN.) | ice / eyes | 85% | 38% | 4 |
| /s/ - /ʃ/ (INIT.) | sip / ship | 84% | 53% | 2 |
| /ʃ/ - /tʃ/ (INIT.) | shin / chin | 94% | 26% | 2 |
| /ʃ/ - /tʃ/ (FIN.) | wash / watch | 96% | 12% | 2 |
| /tʃ/ - /dʒ/ (INIT.) | choke / joke | 91% | 19% | 2 |
| /dʒ/ - /y/ (INIT.) | jail / Yale | 99% | 20.5% | 2 |
| /k/ - /g/ (INIT.) | coat / goat | 99% | 50% | 4 |
| /k/ - /g/ (FIN.) | tack / tag | 88% | 29% | 4 |

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